



## National 4-H Learning Priorities 2007-2012

- National 4-H Headquarters and **65** professionals drawn from all facets of 4-H and Extension in **30** states are working together to create access to consistent, high-quality, relevant, learner-centered professional development learning opportunities based on the National 4-H Learning Priorities for **2007-2012**.
- The National 4-H Learning Priorities are:
  - Building Effective Organizational Systems
  - Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development
  - Evaluating for Impact
  - Expanding Outreach to New and Underserved Audiences
  - Volunteer Development for the Next Generation
- The National 4-H Learning Priorities will further focus 4-H professional development to strengthen and sustain high-quality 4-H Youth Development programming. These national learning priorities reflect the National 4-H Strategic Plan, 4-H Professional Research Knowledge and Competency Model (4-H PRKC) and feedback from the 4-H field.
- Professional development opportunities based on the National 4-H Learning Priorities will be available to all 4-H youth development professionals regardless of the 4-H professional's role in the organization, geographic location and/or level of experience.
- Potential learning solutions adapted to each of the national learning priorities include intermittent face-to-face training and distance education opportunities, continuous self-study online, and online resource and knowledge sharing.
- The National 4-H Learning Priorities Steering Committee is exploring the potential of a national 4-H professional development network that shares collective resources, ensures sustainability of quality training materials, provides consistency in core training areas, allows states to focus time and resources on state-specific training and professional development needs, and helps 4-H professionals and volunteers do what they do best: deliver outstanding youth development programs.
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